

Harbor Advisory Committee
Rockport Community House
March 23, 2016 – 7pm
-Minutes-

Present: Vice Chair, Chris Murch; Phil Crotty; Steve Fritch; Fred Hillier; Dana Jorgensson; Larry Stepenuck

Absent: Skip Montello; Kevin Carrigan

Also present: Harbormasters Scott Story and Rosemary Lesch; Jim Ugone

Mr. Murch chaired the meeting this evening because Mr. Montello was not able to attend.

Mr. Murch did not receive the minutes of 2/24/16 so voting on those minutes will be delayed until next month. The Secretary will e-mail the minutes to Mr. Murch and Mr. Stepenuck.

Waterways Enterprise Fund

Ms. Jorgensson shared more information about establishing a Waterways Enterprise Fund. She had conducted further research, using Gloucester's fund numbers as an example for discussion. The Committee discussed the mechanics of setting up an enterprise fund. It was acknowledged it would require a vote by the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Jorgensson will continue to pursue this.

Related to this, Mr. Story explained he has already had the enterprise fund discussion, and had been told no. Ms. Lesch suggested talking to the town administrator.

Beach and harbor clean up

Mr. Carrigan was not present to further discuss the beach and harbor clean up.

Trash pickup at town wharf during tourist season

Mr. Stepenuck thinks it is feasible to post very simple regulations at the wharf. He volunteered to draw up an example of the postings.

GPS mapping

Mr. Crotty remarked it is possible that CPC could fund GPS mapping. Mr. Story and Ms. Lesch questioned whether there is an advantage to doing this, considering how small the area is and how close the moorings are. DPW told them it could be done.

Granite Pier extension project

Mr. Crotty reported the Army Corp of Engineers has decided to proceed with its initial appraisal which will start sometime in the third quarter (July to September).

Mr. Crotty reported the money pledged from Senator Tarr's office is not in yet but should be available soon.

Harbormaster's update

The new kayak area is being cleaned up and looking good.

Pigeon Cove is cleaned up and looking good.

East Wall is moving along. The barge has been moved to the wall.

Mr. Hillier remarked the stone used for the wall is coming from Rhode Island.

Mr. Crotty reminded committee members about applying for CPC funds. He would like to see more money going to the waterfront. He urged members to use their imagination for CPC projects.

Mr. Crotty informed the committee that Mr. O'Connell, a local lobsterman, is interested in joining the HAC. Mr. O'Connell is going to submit a letter of intent to the Board of Selectmen. He will attend the next meeting.

A motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to adjourn at 8pm.